

**CITY OF LOS ANGELES
CIVIC CENTER CLEANLINESS & OTHER ISSUES**

1:00p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Room 706, City Hall South

Present:

Valerie Melloff, GSD – AGM
Brian Buchner, Mayor’s Office
Cesar Avalos, GSD – Custodial
Angelina Huang, GSD – Custodial
Elvia P. Garcia, GSD – Custodial
Eric Robles, GSD – Special Services
Pierre Riotoc, GSD – Special Services
Chi Ming Gong, Bureau of Street Services
John Scott, GSD – BMD
Matthew Tenchavez, LAHSA
Gustavo Placencia, City Attorney’s Office
Celina Robles, LAPD
Howard Wong, LASAN
Jonelle Gardea, LASAN
Juan Benitez, Recreation and Parks
Charles Kuan, GSD – RES
Pawan Verma, LASAN

MINUTES / ACTION ITEMS

Comprehensive Clean-up on Saturday’s:

- LASAN Metrics: 32 clean-up conducted, 163 locations, 6.6 tons of trash, 1,061 pounds of bio-waste, 129 pounds of hazardous waste, and 147 sharps collected. Metrics are available upon request.
- Continued operations every Saturday, signage goes up on Thursdays. Cleaning begins at 8:00 a.m. usually done around noon depending on the day.
- LASAN only provides power washing services upon request, for them to provide this service through Clean Harbors would be very costly. LASAN is currently looking into purchasing pressure washing machines, once received they can discuss providing pressure washing services for the Civic Center.
- LAPD will continue to support cleaning efforts.

LAHSA:

- Outreach process will coordinate with Homeless Help Desk on a weekly basis. Outreach will also be compliant of 5611 and informing population of safe practices for food consumptions.

- LAHSA teams are reporting growth of encampments on west 1st Street, by LA Time; increase of 12-16 tents.
- Metrics for Civic Center can be provided on request.

LA Mall / North Dock:

- Custodial issues remain the same and are being managed; main concern is hot spots are increasing and part-time person cannot address them all every day. No custodial issues remain at the loading dock. Going forward plan will continue with quarterly pressure washing of LA Mall, three times per week cleaning of Main St. stairs and the hot spot by the north dock where mesh was installed.
- Grease Box: will be added to Custodial report. Charles spoke with company that owns the grease box; they will replace the grease box with a new one and will empty out once a month in order to remain compliant with LACPH code. This should be discussed at Food Recycling Meeting occurring next week.
- Satellite Dish: not removed, BMD put sheet metal disk on wires so rats cannot run across them.
- City Hall Dock (Light-well): Cesar to look into how frequently this area needs to be cleaned; this will be added to report.
- Exposed pipes by the loading dock have black substance on them that is rat urine; BMD and Custodial are working together to address this issue.

Triforium Area:

- BMD had the inspector come back out, there are still four outstanding items, and those items will be added to report.
- No outstanding items for Custodial.

Sharps Kiosk:

- LASAN spoke to their contact and they can purchase kiosks to have them reinstalled at CHE and CHS.

Trees/Vegetation:

- Removal of ground cover type vegetation and pruning of trees has been completed. Long term plan so issues do not reoccur is to plant drought tolerant and zero-scape landscaping. That type of landscaping provides less food and cover for the rodents. RAP is working with BOE and GSD. BOE will develop design by end of fiscal year and GSD will be looking for a funding source.
- 103 trees were prune, 4 of them were removed because they were dead. Plan is to inspect trees annually and prune upon request. RAP to include recommendation for addressing fruit bearing trees in their report.
- BSS will have meeting with LASAN and CATS to discuss Pest Control Advisors report. 114 raised planters were inspected and only 12 have had to be retreated, going forward they will continue to inspect them

bi-weekly. Trees will be inspected annually. Street works is usually inspected once every three years.

Rodent and Pests

- Bait station statistics are not reflected in BMD report; these numbers and activity findings should be included in report.
- All external rat burrows have been dusted and knocked down, this information will be added to report. BMD will continue inspect and knock down burrows as they come up. BSS knocked down 60 burrows from initial report, GSD is now handling all burrows. BSS is now only addressing tree wells.

Grates:

- City Hall grates are done.
- CHS grate covers will be incorporated in BOE design, BOE plan will be coming in after July 1. BMD will provide cost for cover of CHE grate covers.

Trash Plan:

- LASAN has 25 Big Belly's but they are so damaged that repairing them is not cost effective, they are also owned by the Council District.
- GSD will look to purchase some Big Belly's from funding received and will roll out trash plan in phases. Trash plan will be included in Custodial report.

Protective Coating and Sealing:

- Custodial Services to report back on this for the next meeting.

Charging Stations:

- Purchase Order has been created. Expectation is that charging stations should be here and operational by the end of September.
- Each station has about 8-12 locker charging stations.

Reports in Writing (Updates to be submitted by next meeting):

- Purpose of reports is to state how LACPH issues were addressed and provide a plan of upkeep in order for these issues to not re-occur. The following will provide updates on their reports for the following meeting: Custodial, Building Maintenance (BMD needs to add plan for continued maintenance so that issues do not happen again), and Recreation and Parks

Next Meeting:

- May 29, 2019